



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

June 4, 2019

Natalie Barfield
Permitting Manager
Office of Ecosystem Restoration
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 24
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Subject: Request for Verification of Exemption – Site Prep Activities at the A-2 STA Site – Palm Beach County, Florida

Dear Ms. Barfield,

The South Florida Water Management District (District) requests the Verification of Exemption under Subsection 373.406(6), Florida Statute, to allow the District to clear, grub, and demuck a 700' wide swath within active agricultural fields along the northern and eastern limits of the A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) footprint in support of STA construction. There are no impacts to wetlands.

In support of this request, enclosed are the following:

- A signed Request for Verification of an Exemption Permit Application Form
- 11" X 17" Site Map

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact John Shaffer at 561-682-6308.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Smith".

Jennifer Smith
Chief of Staff

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Enclosures

c: Nimmy Jeyakumar, SFWMD
Ansley Marr, SFWMD
John Mitnik, SFWMD
Alexis San-Miguel, SFWMD
John Shaffer, SFWMD

REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF AN EXEMPTION

Instructions: submit this form to request verification whether an activity qualifies for an exemption from the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) requirements of Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., and Chapter 62-330.050-0511, F.A.C. With some exceptions, notice is **not required** to conduct an activity that qualifies for an exemption from permitting under Sections 373.406, 373.4145, or 403.813, F.S., or Rules 62-330.050 through 62-330.0511, F.A.C. Exceptions where prior notice to the Agency is required prior to conducting an exempt activity are:

- Activities having minimal impact under Section 373.406(6), F.S., often referred to as a "*de minimis*" exemption.
- Section 403.813(1)(f), F.S., when maintenance dredging within previously dredged portions of natural water bodies within drainage rights-of-way or drainage easements which have been recorded in the public records of the county.
- Section 403.813(1)(t), F.S., for the repair, stabilization, or paving of existing county maintained roads and the repair or replacement of bridges that are part of the roadway.
- Section 403.813(1)(u), F.S., for an individual, residential property owner to remove organic detrital material from freshwater rivers or lakes that have a natural sand or rocky substrate and that are not located in an Aquatic Preserve.
- Section 403.813(3), F.S., for maintenance dredging at seaports.
- Rule 62-330.0511, F.A.C., for minor silvicultural surface water management systems

In accordance with Chapter 253, F.S., and Chapter 18-21, F.A.C., (April 14, 2008) activities conducted on state-owned submerged lands also must be authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (BOT). Certain activities on state-owned submerged lands may qualify for Consent by Rule under paragraph 18-21.005(1)(b), F.A.C. All authorized activities on state-owned submerged lands must comply with the General Conditions for Authorizations under subsection 18-21.004(7), F.A.C. The Agency will use this form to determine if an additional authorization to perform works on these lands is required.

Requests to "self certify" a private, single-family dock must be submitted to the Department's Internet site at: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/portal/permit.htm> and CANNOT be made using this notice. However requests to verify construction of a dock that does not qualify for self certification may be made using this form.

In addition to the information described in this form, any submittal requesting verification of an exemption, must also include:

- Location map(s) of sufficient detail to allow someone who is unfamiliar with the site to travel to and locate the specific site of the activity.
- One set of plans and drawings, calculations, environmental information, and other supporting documents that clearly and legibly depict and describe the proposed activities in sufficient detail to demonstrate that the work qualifies for the exemption.
- The required fee.

Please identify the exemption you are requesting to use:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Subsection/Paragraph 62-330.____, F.A.C. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Section 373.406(6), F.S. (known as the " <i>de minimis</i> " exemption — see section 3.4.3.7(c) of Applicant's Handbook Volume I for additional information) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Section 373.4145(6) (____), F.S. (for certain "grandfathered" activities) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Section 403.813(1)(____), F.S. (generally, "dredge and fill" exemptions) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I do not know the exemption number |

Please provide numbers for additional Exemptions if you are requesting to use more than one:
N/A



PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

A. CONTACT	
Name: South Florida Water Management District	
Attention :	Title:
Address: 3301 Gun Club Road	
City: West Palm Beach	State: FL Zip: 33403
Home Telephone:	Work Telephone: 561/682-6471
Cell Phone:	Fax:
E-mail Address:	
Preferred correspondence method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> US Mail	

B. Location of proposed activities:		Tax Parcel Identification Number:	Unknown
Address: East of L-23 Canal approximately 3.0 miles south of STA 3/4 Inflow Canal			
City: Unincorporated	County: Palm Beach	Zip: 33493	
Latitude (DMS) 26° 28' 42"		Longitude (DMS) 80° 49' 14"	
C. Date activity is proposed:	To Commence: July 1, 2019	To be Completed: July 1, 2020	

D. Proposed Activities (be specific; use additional sheets as necessary)
Describe in general terms the proposed project, system, or activity (including materials to be used and construction methods): The District proposes to clear, grub, and demuck a 700' wide swath (690 acres) along the northern and eastern limits of the A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) footprint in support of future STA construction. The area is currently in active agriculture and there are no impacts to wetlands. Excess muck will be stockpiled just inside the 700' wide limits of construction.

SUBMITTAL AND FEES

This notice and the appropriate fee, should be submitted to the agency having regulatory authority for the activity. Operating Agreements between the Department and the water management districts spell out which agency will process any given application. For more information go to <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wetlands/erp/wmd.htm>.

Several agencies now allow this application form to be submitted electronically on the Internet; in those cases, follow the on-line submittal requirements of that agency:

- Northwest Florida Water Management District: http://www.nwfwmd.state.fl.us/permits/erp/epermit_home.html
- St. Johns River Water Management District: <https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/epermitting/jsp/AccountOverview.do?command=init>
- Southwest Florida Water Management District: <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/permits/epermitting/>
- South Florida Water Management District: <http://my.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting/MainPage.do>

If submitting a paper application, please see (Appendix A) of the Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume I for submittal locations.

